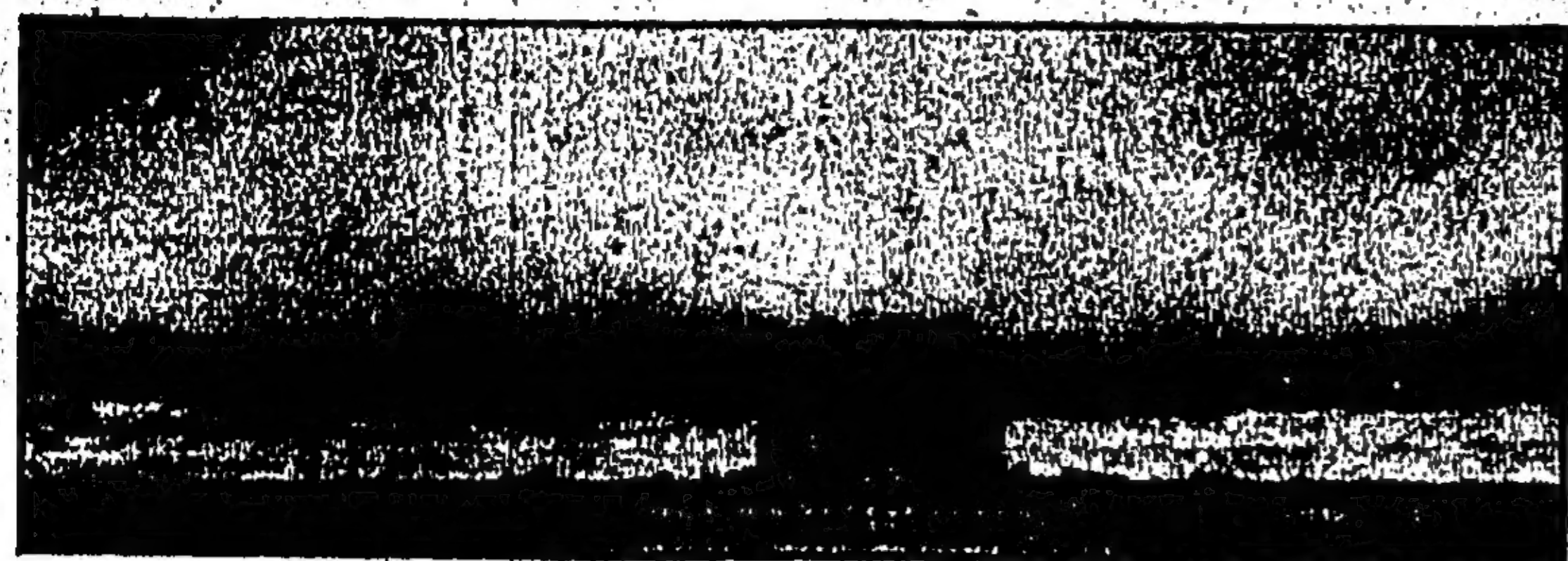


COMMENT OF THE DAY

Wasted Years?

It is a chastening and disturbing thought that debates and discussions and negotiations on a plan for the European Community have been going on for four years and there is still no end product. In August 1950 the Assembly of the Council of Europe passed the famous resolution calling for the immediate creation of a European army under the authority of a European minister of defence, subject to proper democratic control. It was regarded as a matter of urgency and action was to be "immediate." The unfortunate fact is that the resolution was passed practically without discussion and in a mood of enthusiasm. These four years have been spent in an endeavour to give the idea of a European army and defence community a concrete meaning which would be acceptable to all the peoples who were to form the new partnership. With the exception of France where the opposition has been mainly emotional—and emotions are in politics far stronger than reason—that end has been achieved. The French are reluctant to accept the idea that their army with all its traditions and long history would become no more than a memory. No doubt Mr Eden has again come up against this factor in his talks with M. Mendes-France. It is the psychological factors which have thus far prevented the conception of the European Defence Community becoming a reality. It seems hardly possible that France is still holding out for further or more concrete guarantees from the other nations concerned with the E.D.C. project. Yet little else can be read into the joint communiqué issued by Mr Eden and M. Mendes-France. The communiqué was, to say the least, of a nebulous character with France again stressing the urgency of the matter and calling for rapid action. The American Secretary of State, Mr Foster Dulles, wisely kept clear of Paris and did not further complicate a delicate situation. However, he will, today, be fully acquainted with the European talks and may be able to offer a solution to the outstanding problems which, if not settled, may destroy at least two European governments who have based their foreign policies on E.D.C. The full-dress conference later in the month will afford France her last chance to reach an understanding and, what is more important, to be in a position to exercise a certain amount of restraint over a German army.

NEW A-BOMB TEST IN RUSSIA



Moscow Statement Tells Of Recent Explosion 'TO SOLVE DEFENCE PROBLEMS'

Moscow, Sept. 16.

An atomic weapon has been exploded in Russia, Tass, the official news agency, reported tonight.

The announcement referred to a "test of one of the types of atomic weapons." Tass said the test was made in "recent days" and yielded "valuable results" in the field of atomic defence.

The official communiqué, published in all newspapers, said: "In accordance with the plan of scientific research work a test of one of the types of atomic weapons had been carried out in the Soviet Union in recent days."

"The object of the test was the study of the actions of an atomic explosion."

"During the test valuable results were obtained which will help Soviet scientists and engineers to solve successfully problems of defence from atomic attack."

The announcement did not say whether the explosion was of a plain atomic or hydrogen-type of weapon.

Truce Violation In Laos

Washington, Sept. 13.

The Legation of Laos said today the Indo-Chinese kingdom had formally accused the Vietminh forces of breaking the armistice by renewed fighting within the past week.

In a statement the Legation said: "Violent attacks have been made against units of the National Army on September 8, 9 and 10 at Houa Xiang and Ban Hongnon, respectively situated at 60 kilometres south-east and 20 kilometres west of Samnua and at Fane Tso, situated at 20 kilometres south-east of Sam Tso."

The statement said the protest had been made to the International Control Commission. The statement also accused the Vietminh of "forced recruitment of many thousands of Laotians, most of whom were taken to North Vietnam" (Communist occupied territory), and said essential foodstuffs had also been requisitioned.

THE SIXTH

London, Sept. 17.

Up to today's announcement of an atomic weapon test in Russia five other atomic tests had been reported.

It was on September 23, 1949, that the British, Canadian and United States Governments announced that an atomic explosion had been detected in Russia. This was never confirmed by the Soviet Government.

A second atomic explosion was reported on October 3, 1951, but it was not until a year later that Russia confirmed the explosion.

On October 22, 1951, the White House announced that a third Russian atomic explosion had taken place.

On August 20, 1953, the United States Atomic Energy Commission reported that a "fission" explosion had taken place in Russia on August 12. This took place during a test which also involved a "thermo-nuclear" explosion, and Russia later claimed to have exploded a hydrogen bomb.

50th EXPLOSION

On August 31, 1953, the United States Atomic Energy Commission reported that another "fission" explosion had taken place in Russia on August 23.

Then on September 17, Tass reported that Russia had tested "several new types of atomic bombs in the past few weeks." It did not specify the number of explosions, but they were believed to be the ones referred to in the United States announcement.

Today's Soviet announcement brings the number of known atomic explosions in the world to 50. Forty-one have been exploded by the United States, 9 by Russia and 3 by Great Britain.

The world's first atomic explosion was a United States test at Alamogordo air base, New Mexico, on July 16, 1945, two months after Germany had surrendered.

It was followed on August 6, by one on Hiroshima in Japan and another three days later on Nagasaki.

And While Russia Explodes Bombs...

The chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, Mr Lewis Strauss, talked in New York last night of the potential use of A-energy. He foresaw the possibility "our children" may light their home with atomic-produced electricity "too cheap to meter."

Mr Strauss said Dr Lawrence Hafstad, head of the Commission's reactor development division, believed the United States will have industrial atomic electric power in five to 15 years.

And Another Authority Spoke of Stockpiles...

Professor Henry Smith, formerly of the Atomic Energy Commission, said in Washington the time would come when the United States could stop stockpiling A-bombs and H-bombs and put its atomic resources into tools of peace.

"But," he added, "I don't know when that time will come, and probably couldn't say if I did."—United Press.

Jane Russell Squeezes Into A Dior "Flatie"

Paris, Sept. 16.

Shapely Hollywood film star Jane Russell and top French fashion creator Christian Dior made their peace tonight.

Miss Russell visited the famous Dior establishment and squeezed her 38-inch bosom into a Dior flat look "string-bean" gown.



thing held together. Miss Russell declared, "It fits perfectly."

Although she kept reporters waiting about 35 minutes she said she had no trouble squeezing into it. "I love it. I feel very dressed up, very lady-like," she said. But she added, "I don't feel overly covered up."

The Hollywood actress tried on a Dior costume consisting of a black wool coat with a silk collar and a black dress trimmed with silk and diamonds and a black Chinese-hat trimmed with silk.

Told S'pore Customs About Smugglers

\$80,000 Reward For Hongkong's "Quiet Little Man"

Singapore, Sept. 17.

A World War II hero, who won the D.F.C. in Europe, was sentenced to three months in gaol when he was convicted on a charge of attempting to bring 302 bars of gold into Singapore from Hongkong.

A Customs Department spokesman said that, as a result of this conviction, a "quiet little man" in Hongkong who tipped off the Singapore Customs on the attempted smuggle would be paid a \$80,000 reward, which represents 20 per cent of the value of the gold bars seized.

The World War II hero, G. C. S. Pearson, who at

tempted to bring in the gold bars, was arrested last July. At the time of his arrest, he gave the Singapore police the name of a Hongkong man who had promised to pay him \$4,000 for his part in the gold smuggling transaction.

No one turned up, however, to claim the gold during the prescribed period after Pearson's conviction and it was confiscated by the Singapore Government.

Pearson pleaded guilty and elected to serve three months in gaol instead of paying the \$50,000 fine.

As a result of this case on Tuesday the Singapore Legislative Council will be asked to vote another \$65,000 to put the Customs Secret Service back in business again.—United Press and China Mail Special.

Building Collapses: 7 Dead

Rio de Janeiro, Sept. 16.

Many persons were feared killed today when an eight-story block of flats collapsed in Rio's residential area of Santa Tereza, burying the inhabitants in a pile of bricks and concrete.

Six bodies were removed from the debris within an hour, but police officials said it was feared many more were buried. Some women and children were known to have been in the building.

Eye-witnesses described cries and screams from trapped people as the building toppled backwards down a 62-yard hill. Residents of neighbouring apartments said the rear of the building, which overtopped the slope, was supported by concrete stilts, two of which cracked during the morning.

The police said later that the death toll had risen to seven and four children were among the 10 injured. It was possible that 20 people were still underneath the rubble, they added.

Rescue workers were digging into the rubble to see if there were any more victims. Among the injured was an Air Force Private, who was helping his company commander to remove furniture.—Reuter.

DULLES SNUBBED MR FRANCE

Says British Press

London, Sept. 16.

Splashed headlines and comments by diplomatic correspondents in many British newspapers today agreed that when Mr John Foster Dulles omitted Paris from his current European tour it was a rebuff to France.

"Dulles snubs the French," was the Daily Mail's headline across six columns on its front page report of Mr Dulles' visit to Bonn and London. The Manchester Guardian said in its headline of "Studied Rebuff to France on two-day visit."

Other headlines were: News Chronicle (Liberal): "Dulles snubs on Germany and Russia"; "Mr Dulles' Daily Express (Independent Conservative): "Dulles leaves out Mr France"; Daily Herald (Labour): "Visit could wreck the Eden plan"; "But Washington said again: 'No affront was intended'."

A State Department spokesman added that Mr Dulles had explained in a message to French Premier Pierre Mendes-France in the most cordial terms possible why he was obliged by time limitations to curtail his visit to Bonn and Paris.—China Mail Special and France-Press.

Hongkong Car Crash

Sort Out This Tangle!

A triple accident occurred early this morning when the driver of a small British-made car braked and swerved suddenly to avoid a gaping hole in the ground outside house No. 511 The Peak.

Another car following the first, swerved to avoid it—missing its rear fender by inches—and was hit by a third car which was unable to brake in time and crashed into the second.

As a result the second car bumped the first, leaving it with a front wheel in the air and a back wheel in the air. The third car was also damaged. The driver of the first car was uninjured. The driver of the second car was injured. The driver of the third car was injured. The car was damaged. The car was damaged. The car was damaged.

US Planes May Have Saved Dien Bien Phu

Paris, Sept. 16.

Brigadier General Christian de Castries said today only "massive" United States air intervention could have saved the Indo-Chinese fortress of Dien Bien Phu.

De Castries told his first press conference since his liberation by the Communists on September 2.

He said the French Air Force was unable to cope with the strong Communist artillery that helped four divisions of Reds swamp the bastion after the heroic 55-day siege he commanded.

"Only massive intervention of American Air Force planes could have changed the fate of the battle," De Castries said. "And even so, not at the very end."—United Press.

News From London:

HK Student Sent For Trial

London, Sept. 16.

A Hongkong law student, 26-year-old Jack Sing Ip, was sent for trial here today charged with unlawfully procuring a young Egyptian student here by falsely pretending they had been legally married.

Ip, who pleaded not guilty and reserved his defence, was alleged by the prosecution to have taken advantage of the fact that the girl, Zenah Ahmed el Shamsi, was ignorant of British customs to persuade her that a visit to a London Registrar Office constituted an actual marriage.

He was allowed bail in £100 until his trial at the Old Bailey, London's Central Criminal Court. At a previous hearing the prosecution said that Ip met the 23-year-old girl aboard a ship while they were both coming to England to study last March.

The man proposed marriage a fortnight later, boasting a Moroccan declaration and gave notice at the Kensington London Registrar Office of his intended marriage on April 5.

The prosecution added that three days before that date Ip took the girl there after telling her they were then going to get married. Actually at the office he simply cancelled the intended marriage for April 5, saying that he wanted a religious ceremony at the same time.

When they left he assured the girl they were now married and they bought two wedding rings, the prosecution further alleged. They went on a honeymoon—Reuter.

News From Rome: The Pope Taken Ill Again

Rome, Sept. 16.

Pope Pius XII has suffered an unexpected recurrence of stomach trouble and a Swiss specialist has been at Castelgandolfo for a week treating him. Vatican sources announced tonight.

The source said the ticcouche which were the forerunner of his serious illness of last winter had returned.

The Vatican sources said there was "absolutely no cause for alarm."



POPE PIUS XII

The Pope spoke to a crowd of 7,000 pilgrims at a general audience this afternoon from the balcony of his summer residence 15 miles south of Rome, but he had to cut short his 15-minute mass audience to pilgrims because, in the words of a spokesman, "he had not entirely recovered from his illness of last winter."

At least four times during his speech today hiccupping forced the Pope to pause and interrupt his remarks. Pilgrims who attended the audience noted that he looked unusually weary, that his posture appeared stooped and that his general appearance was frail.

Questions about the apparent setback, Vatican sources admitted that Professor Paul Niehans, the Swiss specialist who nursed the Pope through his critical attack of gastritis at the beginning of the year, had been attending the Pope for the past week.

"It was expected that there might have to be some supplementary treatment later in the year," said one Vatican source. Since he came to Castelgandolfo on July 28, the Pope has been holding audiences regularly at 1000 on Sundays and Wednesdays. At each audience the Pope has appeared on the outside balcony of the Palace several times, in addition to the address made to pilgrims gathered in the internal courtyard.—United Press.

Eight Killed In Plane Crash

Algiers, Sept. 16.

Eight charred bodies were recovered tonight from the wreck of a French Air Force Junkers plane which crashed and caught fire today near Mousalville in the mountains southwest of Algiers.—Reuter.

Teddy Boys In Russia, Too!

If you think 'Teddy Boys' are purely an English affliction—you're wrong. They have them in Moscow, too!

In this Saturday's "Mail" Fred Jarvis (he's the President of Britain's National Union of Students) writes his impressions of Russian youth today. In it he tells you about Russia's "Teddy Boys"—the "Stilyags" as they call them.

John Deanne Potter continues his observations of THE BIG SPENDERS of the French Riviera. This week he spotlights the gamblers... the sheikh who lost £50,000 in an hour... the lucky young man who won £15,000 in ten minutes... and the many tales from the tables.

Other first-rate features include the third in the series on analysing handwriting by "Scribble" to young Hongkong author who discusses round and angular writing and flourishes and what they mean. Tom Eytton, China Mail feature writer, tells you about THE GOLF-OUR WITH A CURSE ON IT—the cup made of stolen temple silver that has caused as many tragedies as Las Vegas. And William Hickey gives you the lighter side of things as

Ladies, there's a special feature for you this week in addition to the latest fashion notes and the household hints and tips: Lady Paknam, wife of the former Cabinet Minister discusses with Drusilla Beyfus THE SORT OF WIFE THAT DOES NOT HELP A HUSBAND.

Home, Edgar Lustgarten writes number four in HONOUR AT STAKE—his series dramatising famous trials of the past and present. No matter what your interests are—sport, bridge, films, the stars, politics, or the latest "Glee-eye view" on Page five—the all in your Saturday "Mail" the paper will have something to interest you. In the family—everyone in the

Beauty Queen To Become MP?

Rio de Janeiro, Sept. 16.

Brazil's entry in this year's Miss Universe contest was nominated today for the Chamber of Deputies.

Maria Rocha, second in the beauty contest, but semifinalist to all Brazilian, was nominated by the Progressive Socialist Party as candidate from Santa Catarina State.

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Dutch UN Delegate

Disappointed U.S. NOT BACKING HIS ELECTION TO PRESIDENCY

New York, Sept. 16. Joseph Luns, Foreign Minister of the Netherlands, arrived here tonight to lead the Dutch delegation at the United Nations General Assembly opening here next Tuesday.

Mr Luns said the Netherlands was hoping for the election of Selco van Kleffens as President of the Assembly. He said Dr Kleffens was the candidate of Western Europe and the Netherlands was "most disappointed that the American delegation is not supporting" him.

Mr Luns arrived aboard the French liner Ile de France. He pointed out that the Assembly had had several Presidents from

the Far Eastern countries, such as Mrs Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit of India, Nasrallah Entezam of Iran and Carlos Romulo of the Philippines, but only one European, Paul Henri Spaak of Belgium.

Racial Laws Relaxed In South Africa

Pretoria, Sept. 16. South Africa relaxed its racial laws to allow Commonwealth Asians to stay at an "all white" hotel during the recent Commonwealth Parliamentary conference here, it was revealed today.

Normally, non-whites are not allowed to stay at hotels catering for whites and in Transvaal and the Orange Free State may not be supplied with liquor. In favour of the Pakistani and Ceylon Parliamentarians after Dr Theophrastus Donages, Minister of the Interior, had requested the hotel manager to do so. Indian delegates did not attend the conference.

The Johannesburg Star said today that the visitors who included Dr Khulfa Shujauddin, Speaker of the Punjab Legislative Assembly, were "well pleased with their treatment." — Reuter.

COVENTRY MAYOR FOR STALINGRAD

London, Sept. 16. Moscow radio tonight announced the coming visit to Stalingrad of a delegation from Coventry, England, headed by the Mayor, and said: "A joint appeal by representatives of the two cities will be sent to the United Nations, urging a ban on the use of atomic and hydrogen weapons." The Coventry delegation is expected in Stalingrad in October. — Reuter.

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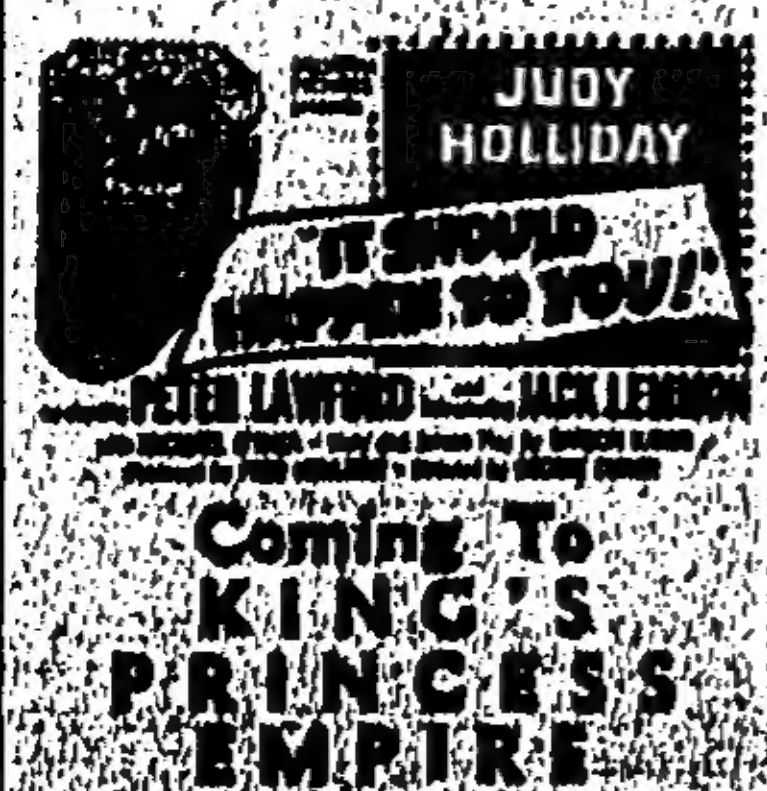
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FRANCE ESSENTIAL

Commenting on the French failure to ratify EDC, Mr Luns said he wanted to stress that the Netherlands government, "although fully aware that Germany must play a part in the defence of Western Europe, still remains convinced that France is essential to any defence set-up in Europe."

He said the Netherlands welcomed any efforts by the British Foreign Secretary, Anthony Eden, "in the direction of rebuilding the disordered European Defence Community."

Mr Luns said his government was against discriminatory moves against Germany because in the past such moves had led to a growth of German nationalism.

Mr Luns will go on to Washington during the week-end before returning here for the U.N. Assembly opening. He did not say what his plans in Washington would be, beyond stating that he would consult State Department officials there. — United Press.

Successful Operation On Funk

Berlin, Sept. 16. Walter Funk, leading Nazi war criminal sentenced to life imprisonment at Nuremberg, was operated on today by United States Army doctors in the British military hospital here, reliable sources said.

Funk, former Nazi Economic Minister, has been suffering from prostate gland trouble. He has been under treatment for some time.

He is one of the seven top Nazi war criminals serving sentences to the Spandau gaol.

The sources said Funk was "doing well" tonight. They stressed that no official confirmation was available unless the four occupying powers, Britain, France, the United States and Soviet Russia, issued a joint communique. — Reuter.

London, Sept. 16. Formosa should ultimately be handed to Communist China, the New Statesman and Nation Socialist weekly review, held today.

The journal said that Nationalist Chinese forces in Formosa and the islands between it and the mainland "can fairly be regarded in Peking as an intolerable threat not only to the port of Amoy but to the whole of Southern China."

"...To pretend that the West can or should prevent it (Formosa) from ultimately going back to China is futile and dangerous." — Reuter.

LANGUAGE DIFFICULTY



Eight-year-old Dorothy Wilkinson (left) speaks only German and four-year-old Margaret Wilkinson (right) speaks only English. They are sisters and are now working out their language problems together at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, England. Their mother, Mrs Anna Wilkinson, 34, Austrian-born, returned to Newcastle recently from Austria, bringing Dorothy with her. It was the end of a three-year fight for the legal custody of the child, who has been living with Mrs Wilkinson's parents at Lebnitz. Father, Mr Walton Wilkinson, now a railway worker, met his wife while he was serving with the British Army in Austria. Baby Dorothy was left with her grandparents until the Wilkinsons had set up a home in England. The grandparents refused to part with her; then finally an Austrian Court ordered them to hand over the child. — Express Photo.

'AMERICAN TRAGEDY'

Scoutmaster Denies Plot To Murder Wife

Walland, Ontario, Sept. 16. A handsome Scoutmaster, Bruce Maclean, admitted today that he dated 16-year-old Marilyn Lynes before and after his wife's "American Tragedy" drowning, but he denied the girl's story that he told her of a plot to murder his wife.

The 25-year-old steelworker testified after the Crown had closed its case against him. He is charged with murdering his wife Betsy, 20, in August last year by tipping the canoe in which they were boating and then swimming around until she drowned.

Today's hearing opened with the introduction of two statements Maclean was said to have given the police immediately after his arrest, but Justice R. W. Trevelyan ruled them inadmissible.

Mr Justice Trevelyan said the police had used a question-and-answer technique that appeared to him to constitute a cross-examination.

Maclean followed a land surveyor, James Clark to the stand. Clark testified that he had inspected the scene of Mrs Maclean's death in the muddy waters off Pike Creek and found a large rock on the bottom in the area where the girl fell out.

The inference was that the rock could have caused a bruise which the funeral directors testified they found on Mrs Maclean's forehead. — United Press.

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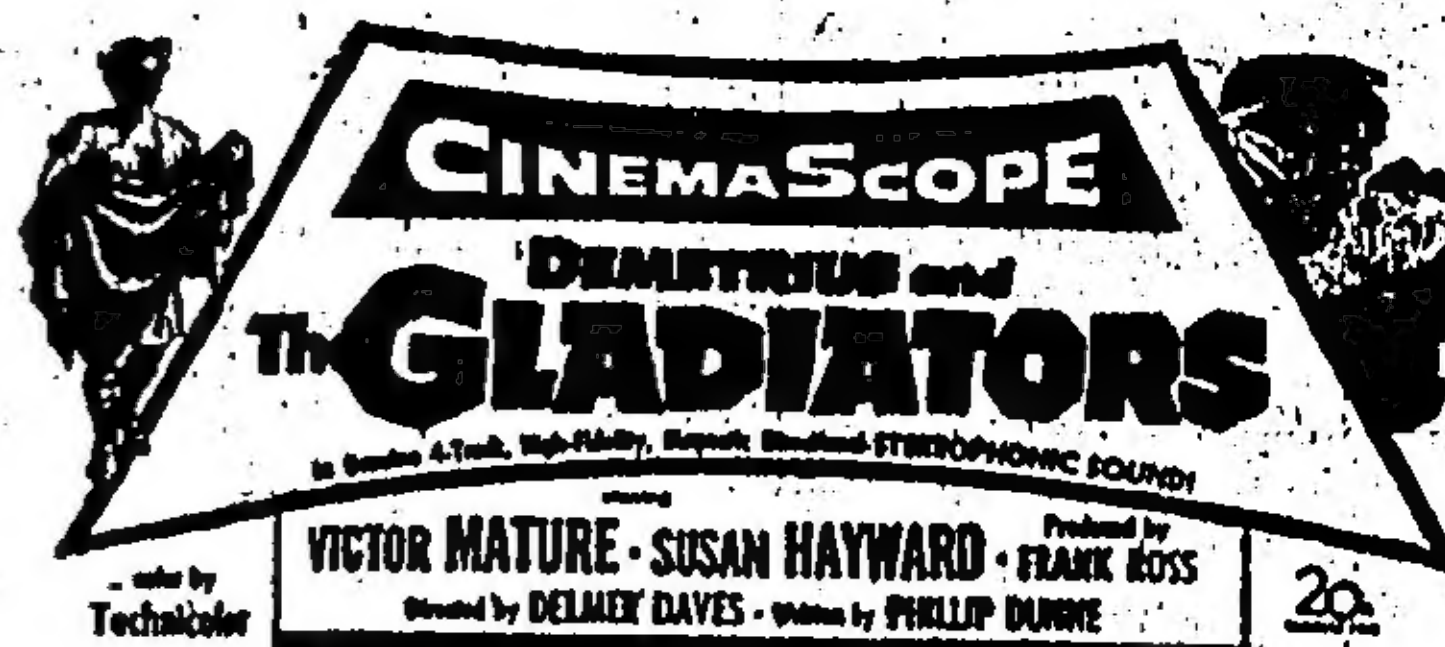


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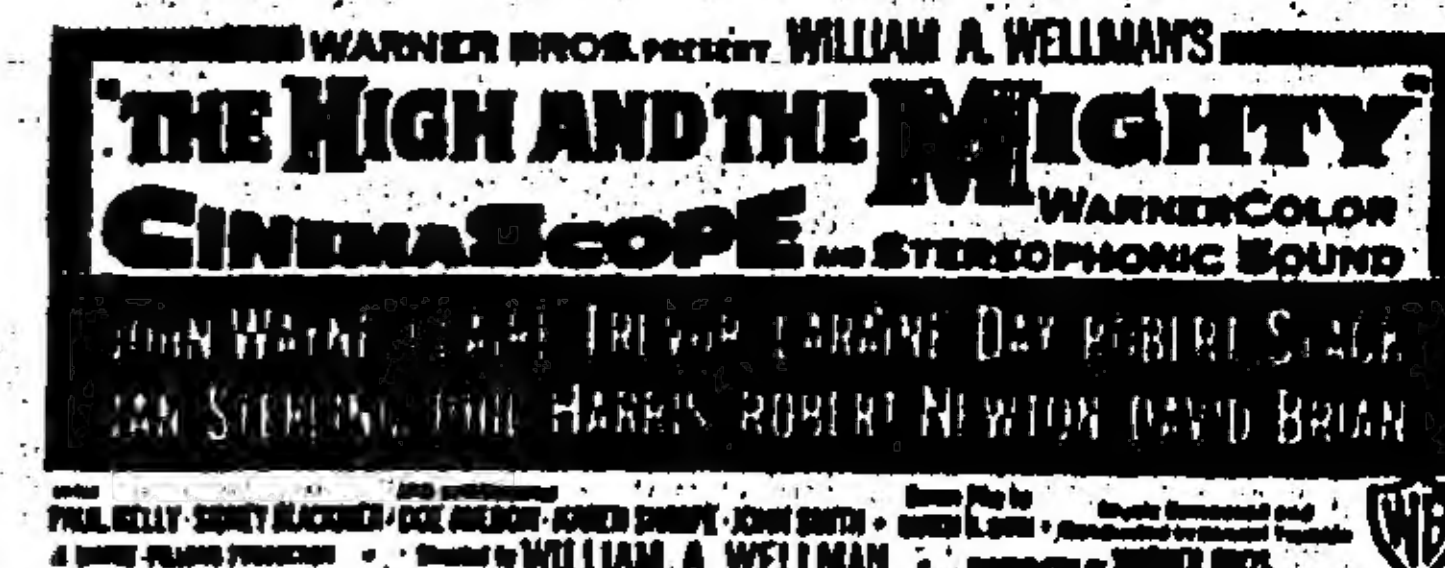
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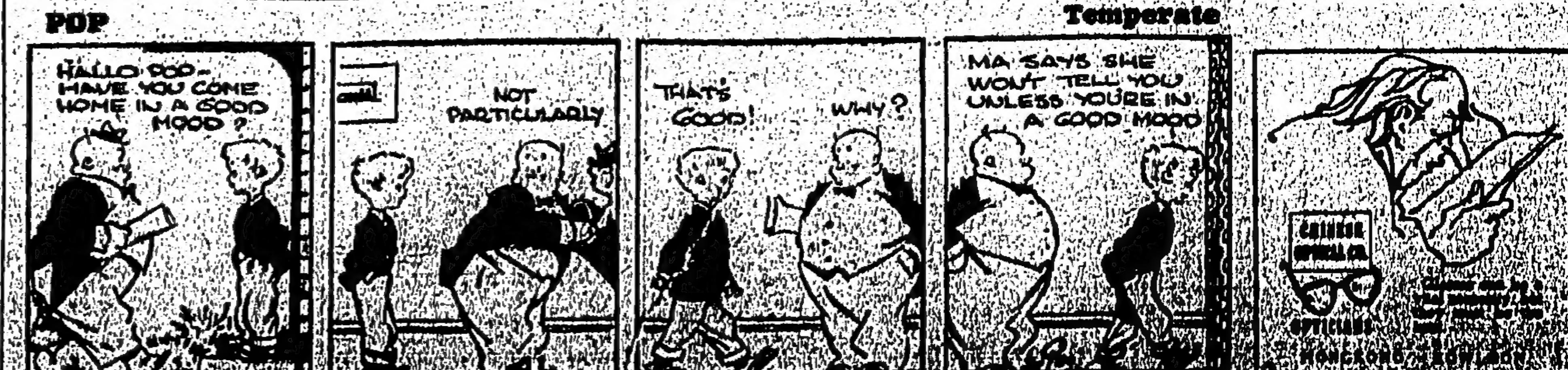
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Dulles Expected To Take Decisive Steps SURPRISE MOVE NOW POSSIBLE

Bonn, Sept. 16. United States Secretary of State John Foster Dulles conferred with West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer for nearly three hours here today.

This was the first conversation between the two statesmen in Mr Dulles' current trip to Bonn. He is to go to London to confer with British Premier Sir Winston Churchill tomorrow.

This evening, Mr Dulles and US High Commissioner in Germany, Dr James B. Conant, were dinner guests of Dr Adenauer.

The immediate interpretation in Bonn of the fast moves by Mr Dulles who flew overnight from Washington is that the United States is speeding up its programme to make West Germany master of her own house as soon as possible.

On his arrival, Mr Dulles said he would consult the Governments of those countries "who are genuinely concerned with the peace, security and freedom of Europe," before taking final decisions.

But the whole manner of his surprise visit and the nature of

his comments at the airport left those who heard him in little doubt that the United States is impatient.

There were many indications tonight that Mr Dulles had come to West Germany to put the final touches to a unilateral American grant of sovereignty to the Federal Republic.

Mr Dulles said at the airport he had come to discuss with Dr Adenauer "the means of restoring sovereignty to the Federal Republic of Germany and bringing Germany as an equal partner into the society of the free."

THE FACTORS

Factors supporting the conclusion that Mr Dulles was here for decisive steps were:

1. The staff of State Department and Defence Department men he brought with him is far greater than would be required for a simple visit to take soundings.

2. Dr Adenauer said before hurrying out of Parliament to meet Mr Dulles, at the airport, that they were going to have negotiations "of decisive importance for the fate of the German people."

3. Dr Adenauer, it was learned today, told his party supporters in private on Tuesday that they must be prepared for declarations of sovereignty to be made unilaterally by the Western Allies "and perhaps not even simultaneously."

The United States Congress has empowered President Eisenhower to end the occupation of Germany by executive action during the Congressional recess.

Such action would correspond exactly to Dr Adenauer's own five-point programme issued immediately after the French ultimatum rejected the European Defence Community treaty. The fifth was "free negotiations with the United States and Great Britain" and a Government spokesman explained this as meaning negotiations on sovereignty.

If Mr Dulles' negotiations here are completed tonight, he will be able on his arrival in London tomorrow to tell Mr Eden that the United States is ready to declare West Germany a sovereign state and ask whether Britain is too.

BRITISH ANSWER Britain's answer would naturally depend to a great extent on the success or failure of Mr Eden's negotiations in Paris on his Brussels pact plan for associating a reformed West Germany with the Western powers.

But if Mr Dulles goes to London without anything out and about for unilateral action in Germany, he would have a powerful argument to persuade the British Government to take the same action.

The French Prime Minister M. Pierre Mendes-France, who is not being visited by Mr Dulles on his flying visit, would then be left to his own devices.

—France-Press and Reuter.

Trooper Contract For Airwork

London, Sept. 16. The Air Ministry has awarded its far East troping contract for the next 2½ years to Airwork, an independent British firm.

The contract provides for the carriage of 7,000 troops a year in each direction between Britain and Singapore.

The company will use Hercules aircraft which have 68 backward facing seats and are pressurized for high altitude flying. The firm is based in Britain-Singapore. The contract will last three years.

Ex-prisoners Visit U.N. Headquarters

United Nations, Sept. 16.

Five Chinese who surrendered to the United Nations forces in Korea and turned against Communism gave their personal thanks to the UN Secretary-General, Dag Hammarskjöld, today for their treatment as prisoners of war.

The five, who have been touring the United States for the past month, were introduced to the Secretary-General by Dr Ting-fu Tsiang, Nationalist China's chief UN delegate.

Chang Tsun-hsien, leader of the five, spoke to the Secretary-General on behalf of 14,000 Chinese prisoners of war who chose not to return to Red China. The rest of the five are Chao King-chung, Kao Cheng-chung, Ku An-kang and Chien Yu-chi.

They presented a "Freedom of Choice" to Mr Hammarskjöld. It was designed by the "Chinese anti-Communist Returnees from Korea" to commemorate the day that the anti-Communist prisoners of war were released.

Mr Hammarskjöld, in response, thanked the members of the Chinese goodwill mission, saying the United Nations was against aggression in any form. He said he could not fully accept their thanks for the UN principle of voluntary repatriation of prisoners because he was not Secretary-General at the time it was formulated. He added, however, that he heartily agreed with the principle.

PERSONAL STORY

The five Chinese also gave a 45-minute press conference for UN correspondents, at which each of the five told his personal story through an interpreter.

They said they were forced by the Communists to fight in Korea and that they were told the Chinese Nationalists had three divisions fighting on the South Korean side. They said they had never seen any Russians with the Red Chinese forces but they always had believed that the Russians sent them to fight in Korea.

The five Chinese have been spending each day making visits to various UN delegations at their local headquarters.—United Press.

Sir Esler Denying in New York

New York, Sept. 16.

Sir Esler Denning, British Ambassador to Japan, arrived here today by plane from London en route back to his post in Tokyo after consultations at the British Foreign Office.

He will leave tomorrow for Washington for a three-day visit during which he said he would "exchange views with the United States State Department officials who are concerned with Far Eastern affairs."

Sir Esler said that he will return to New York on Monday and leave next Tuesday by plane for Ottawa for consultations at the Canadian Foreign Office.

He said that after three days in Ottawa, he would leave for Vancouver en route to Tokyo where, he said, he expected to arrive on September 28.—France-Press.

Vietnam Premier Loses All Hope

Saigon, Sept. 16.

Well-informed political observers expressed the belief here today that South Vietnam Premier Ngo Dinh Diem had lost all hopes of remaining in power as a result of the announcement today that the three leading South Vietnam sects were siding with the Army in the present dispute between the Premier and Army Chief of Staff General Nguyen Van Hinh.

One of the sects, the Binh Xuyen, it was pointed out, was in the direct control of the South Vietnamese police since one of its leading members, Lai Huu Sang, was the national security chief.

Furthermore, these observers pointed out, there were "no indications that the Government would take any action to remove the Binh Xuyen from the scene."

The crisis was believed to have been initiated four days ago in Vietnam by Premier and Catholic leader Ngo Dinh Diem, when he tried to "reorganize" the Binh Xuyen and the Binh Thuan forces. The move was believed to have been a "re-organization" of the forces.

Premier Diem who officially had ordered the General to leave "a six-month study mission in France," in reality had ordered the General to leave "a six-month study mission in France."

It was claimed he wanted to get rid of the able to dominate the scene of the own supporters, able to act as a far less prominent personality and leadership.

However, the Premier suddenly found himself confronted with the whole army, strongly backed by the army, and with no means to be able to do so. He was believed to have been "re-organized" the forces.

Bayer Presents Ponies To The Titos



Mme Tito, wife of the Yugoslavian President, with the pony presented to her by Celal Bayer, the Turkish President during his State visit to Belgrade.—Express Photo.

New Espionage Network In Japan?

Tokyo, Sept. 16.

M. Sabelyev, one of six Soviet officials who reportedly left aboard a Russian cargo vessel on February 28, last, is at present clandestinely staying in Japan where he heads a new espionage network, according to Japanese press reports published here today.

Sabelyev is remembered as the soft-spoken friend of the Soviet spy Rastvoroff who sought refuge in the United States at the end of January this year.

When interviewed by Agence-France-Press at the time of Rastvoroff's disappearance, Sabelyev expressed the conviction that his friend Rastvoroff could, in no circumstances, have freely chosen to betray his government.

Up to the present, even the Japanese authorities were unable to confirm the physical departure of Sabelyev, and Japanese security authorities are wondering whether he did not stay here after pretending that he was leaving.

ESTONIAN LINK

Other sources claimed that Sabelyev was working through an Estonian businessman with American papers in an office located right in the centre of Tokyo.

The police authorities, however, candidly admit that the importance of espionage activities in Japan had been exaggerated because of the publicity given to the Rastvoroff case. They opined that most informers deal in activities of a small calibre and are anxious to make a little money rather than to serve a political cause.

At present, only 15 Russians are staying at the former Embassy here, their moves since the Rastvoroff affair, are subject to strict police surveillance and they can practically do nothing outside the embassy precincts.—France-Press.

U.S. Soldier Will Stay In French Prison

Washington, Sept. 16.

The US Court of Appeals today refused to issue an order for the release of a US Army private serving a five-year sentence in a French prison.

The soldier, Richard Thomas Koefe, pleaded guilty in France to the robbery of a cab driver last October.

His wife, Mrs Gladys Koefe, 23, sought a writ of habeas corpus on the grounds that her husband's constitutional rights were violated during the trial.

The appellate court upheld a lower court's decision denying the writ. It said an official American observer attended the trial and reported no constitutional violations.—United Press.

Jap Air Force Officers Go To America

Tokyo, Sept. 16.

Five senior officers of Japan's fledgling air force left here tonight by air for the United States for a three-week inspection tour of air force facilities there.

The officers were Lieutenant-General Takeshi Sanagi, Air Force Deputy Chief-of-Staff, Major-General Minoru Genta, chief of the maintenance department, Colonel Imtazu Otani, superintendent of the maintenance school and Colonel Fumio Maruta, a member of the training section.

The officers are visiting the United States at the invitation of the United States Air Force.—Reuter.

COPPER STRIKE NOT SETTLED

New York, Sept. 16.

Spokesmen for the Anaconda Copper Mining Company and the Kennecott Copper Corporation today denied that any strike settlements had been reached in their Chilean plants.

Commoning "on Santiago press reports crediting high Chilean Government officials with statements that the strikers were in effect asking the companies to pay for their plants were still idle and no progress towards a settlement had been reported as far as the strike was concerned, it was thought that reports of Chilean optimism regarding the settlement of the strike were premature."

CRIPPLED JET LANDS ON FOAM

Otis Air Force Base, Mass., Sept. 16.

A pilot put his crippled jet aeroplane down safely on a ribbon of liquid foam at this Air Force base today in one of the trickiest landings on record.

The pilot was 1st Lt Anthony W. Cunningham, 23, who radioed that his right landing wheel was crippled. As he circled the airport, the runway was quickly sprayed with a band of yellow grasy foam which instantly is used to put out aeroplane fires.

WHOOSED IN Then Cunningham whoosed in.

He put the good left wheel on the dry runway. The crippled right wheel he carefully set down on the slick foam. The left wheel rolled along as it should. The right wheel slipped down the foam.

Had not the field been "greased," the right wheel would have hit the dry ground and failed to turn. This would have caused the plane to go into an immediate whirl and probably would have wrecked it.—United Press.

Paris Talks Will Overshadow Defence Debate

Strasbourg, Sept. 17.

The Paris talks between Mr Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, and M. Mendes-France, French Prime Minister, will overshadow the three-day debate on European defence which will open in the 15-nation Council of Europe Assembly here today (Friday).

Only a few Government delegates here, notably M. Paul Henri Spaak, Belgian Foreign Minister, and Mr Anthony Nutting, British Foreign Under-Secretary, will be completely informed about the Paris talks to find a substitute solution to the European Defence Community project, rejected by France.

Both M. Spaak and Mr Nutting will be fully briefed on Mr Eden's report yesterday to the permanent North Atlantic Treaty Organisation Council on the outcome of his flying visit to West European capitals.

Their part in the debate will give a significant clue to the real position following Mr Eden's tour of Europe.

Silence from M. Spaak will be interpreted here as meaning that he has not lost hope of M. Mendes-France's agreeing to the generally accepted formula for bringing West Germany into the North Atlantic alliance by way of the Brussels Treaty.

But if the news from Paris is gloomy, M. Spaak may launch a powerful attack against the French defection from the European Community.

In any case, M. Mendes-France's policy will come under heavy fire from leading "Europeans," particularly from M. Georges Bonnet, Belgian representative of the General Affairs Committee, and M. Francois de Laet, Luxembourg representative.

The decision to postpone the debate was based on the feeling that the question may come up at the London conference.

But it is possible that Dr Van Rooy Van Waters, Dutch member of the plan to Europeanise the East, will be asked to consider the question of a "European" defence force.

Support for these ardent federalists will be forthcoming from many admirers of the EDC plan from other European countries.

UNCOMMITTED Most vocal of this group is the President of the General Affairs Committee M. Leon Maccas of the Greek Rally Party.

Still uncommitted, however, are the British, Norwegian and Danish delegations who have always stayed out of European "national" schemes and who would staunchly resist any attempt French veto on German rearmament.

The Assembly decided unanimously yesterday to postpone the debate on the EDC project until after the nine-nation London conference. This means that a special session will have to be held to debate the future of the territory.

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AN INNOCENT ABROAD

London, Sept. 16. A Moscow "learner" who failed his police test was told by the head of his driving school, "Don't be an innocent abroad." So he paid 300 roubles (about £20 sterling) and got his licence after all—without a test.

But then he complained to the authorities, according to Trud, the Soviet Trade Union newspaper, in its latest issue.

Result: the head of the driving school, L. V. Chelnekov, has gone to prison for 18 months, and a police inspector, A. G. Filin, for 12 months.

Trud said the learner had discovered that all tests were "arranged."

Chelnekov keeping 200 roubles for himself and paying 100 roubles to Filin.—China Mail Special.

ANOTHER WORLD CITIZEN

Davis Performs Marriage Rites

New York, Sept. 16.

The "No. 1 World Citizen", Garry Davis, performed his own marriage ceremony aboard the liner as United States several days ago, en route to England, the New York Daily Mirror reported today.

The paper said that Davis approached the liner's captain, John Anderson, to perform the ceremony but was refused in accordance with the line's policy.

"O.K.," Davis is reported to have said. "As No. 1 World Citizen, I will perform my own ceremony."

And he did, marrying Gloria Sandra.

Immigration officials said Davis had bought a one-way passage under the name of Saul Davis through an agent. At Southampton, British officials refused to recognise his World Citizen's passport and kept him aboard the ship.

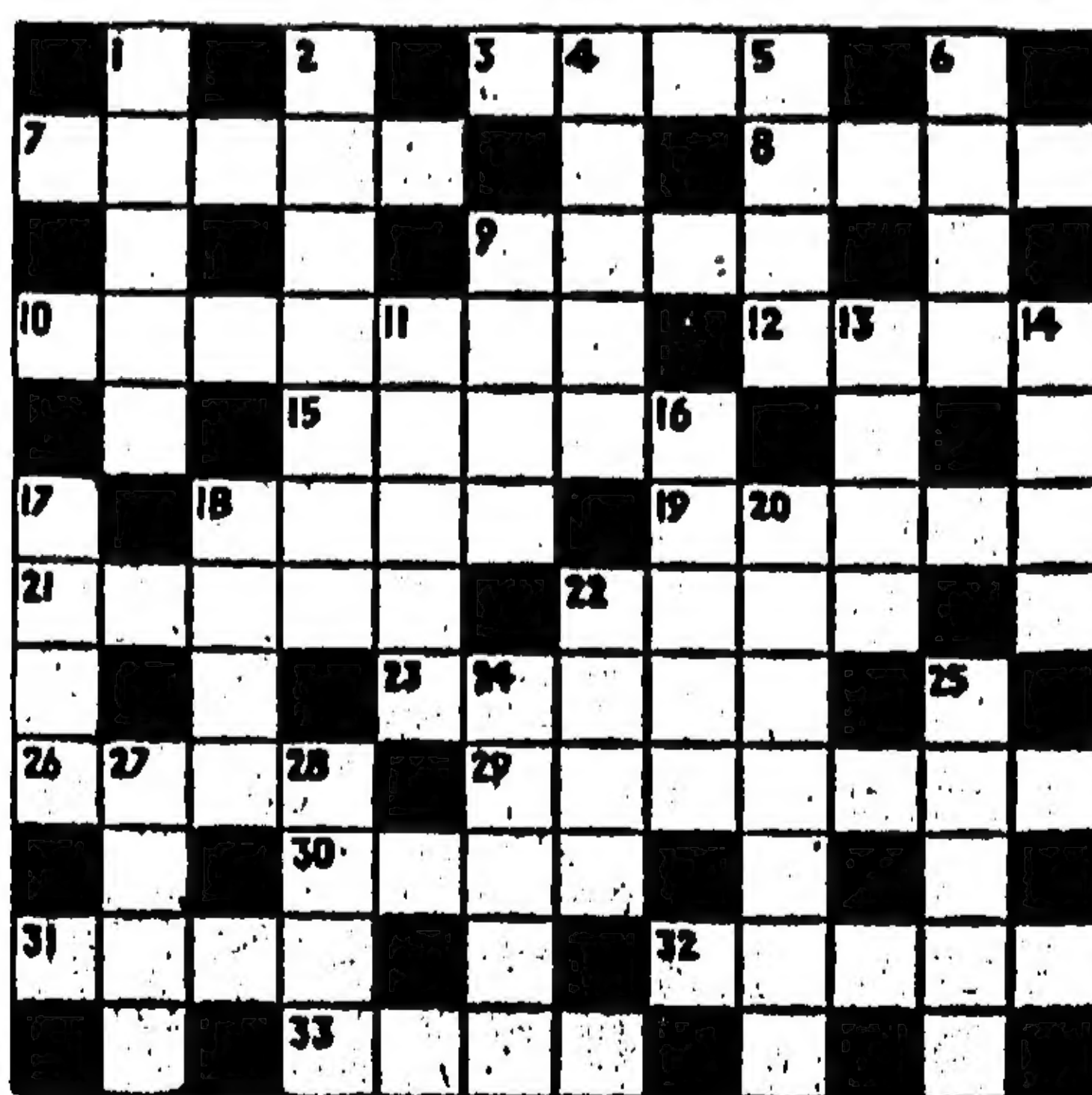
Davis tore up his US passport in Paris in 1948 and declared himself a "citizen of the world." This was his second marriage.—United Press.

Hollywood, Sept. 16. The singing star Judy Garland today said that she is expecting her third child next April.

The singer made her announcement after she and her husband, Sid Luft, returned from a European vacation.

Miss Garland has two daughters, one by Luft and the other by a previous marriage to director Vincente Minnelli. Luft has a son by a previous marriage.—United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3 Sharp (6)
- 7 Gradient (6)
- 8 Parched (4)
- 9 Sculptor's work (4)
- 10 Go (7)
- 11 Requisites (4)
- 12 Fosses (5)
- 13 Period (4)
- 14 Feathers (6)
- 15 Talks wildly (5)
- 16 Leg joint (4)
- 17 Chosen (6)
- 18 Ball game (4)
- 19 Describes a barometer (7)
- 20 War (4)
- 21 Insect (4)
- 22 Swift (6)
- 23 Nest (4)

DOWN

- 1 Scarer (5)
- 2 Gourmet (7)
- 4 Rough (6)
- 5 Facts given (4)
- 6 Hazard (4)
- 9 Entrants (4)
- 11 Wipe out (5)
- 13 Fruit (4)
- 14 Ordeal (4)
- 15 Subsequently (5)
- 16 Wickedness (4)
- 17 Withdraw (7)
- 18 English county (4)
- 19 Landowner (5)
- 20 Curiosity (5)
- 21 Lubricates (4)
- 22 Exploit (4)

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Banner, 7 Fair, 8 Resilience, 9 Soda, 10 Mirth, 11 Cakes, 12 Snow, 13 Target, 14 Down, 15 Tumor, 16 Radicals, 17 Opulence, 18 Mice, 19 Abide, 20 Fuses, 21 Ropes, 22 Threaten, 23 Order, 24 Diver, 25 Jumper, 26 Niche, 27 Comet.

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CAN THE COLD WAR BE ENDED?

By Julius Gould

NOBODY enjoys the Cold War very much. It goes on for years, makes heavy demands on national resources and imposes severe strains, political and moral. It is easy to become confused about it, or bored, or—worse still—pessimistic and desperate.

This is really not surprising. For, though the Cold War is simple enough in essence, it has a variety of complex forms. And at any point in the struggle it becomes tempting to take a partial or limited view of it.

Everyone knows that the term "Cold War" is just a quick way of describing international tension. But what sort of tension? After all, tension is not new in the history of man.

Some people choose to believe that it is all "power politics," that the tension operates between the Great Powers, especially between Russia and America, and that the interests of the smaller powers are not at stake. This idea is the source of "neutrality"—the wish to keep oneself out of trouble, which is understandable in itself but rests upon a misreading of recent and contemporary history.

It would also be misleading to offer an "economic" interpretation of world tension. For all these ideas ignore one central fact—that the Communist Party of the Soviet Union is running a world-wide campaign to change the political, social and economic structures of other countries.

Official Creed

THIS fact dominates the world. What is its background? The aim of revolutionary change was not invented by the Soviet Communist Party. It was the main theme of Marxist thought throughout the nineteenth century. Marxists believed that socio-economic change would "inevitably" bring about this revolution and an age of social justice.

With the Russian revolution this apocalyptic dream ceased to be just an affair for "exiled" revolutionaries and persecuted minorities. It became the official creed of an important nation.

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the ideology of its ruling party.

The aims and methods of this party are the leading causes of tension in the world today. And these tensions can be understood and reduced only if we realise: 1. How the Soviet Communist Party, under Stalin, first established itself as a unified, disciplined body without internal opposition; 2. How it tightened its grip upon Soviet society and indeed fashioned it; 3. How it promoted a world-wide drive to make the Marxist dream come true.

Expansionist

THE Soviet Communist Party has always had these international ambitions; and they far exceed the legitimate requirements of Soviet security. First, it built up the Soviet state as an instrument of revolution. Then it set up its own agencies abroad as auxiliary weapons in the same struggle. National boundaries mean nothing to the Russian Communists.

Like the German Nazis, they assume a universal mission. There are no limits to their expansionist aims. But they are more adept than the Nazis. The Nazis enjoyed war for its own sake; they revelled in physical violence. Soviet Communists are not averse to violence—in Finland, Korea and elsewhere they have sponsored "hot" wars. But they prefer the cooler methods of agitation and propaganda.

They place immense store in the Communist parties of the free world, in their agents in the so-called "free" countries, in their propaganda campaign among students and workers, and in their efforts to penetrate

the labour movement. These softening-up techniques the Soviet Communist Party has developed for years in defiance of frontiers.

The Cold War is, in fact, dominated by these diverse activities of the Russian Communists and the counter-steps taken by the free world. Countering the Soviet Communist Party is a complicated business. It is not, as it would like us to believe, the servant of some omnipotent, inevitable "historic process." That is just mystical nonsense.

Two Levels

THE difficulties arise in other ways. The Soviet Communist Party operates, as has been said, on two levels simultaneously. The Soviet state can be used in open diplomacy; in other directions the international Communist movement can be deployed. The strategic aim is the same for State and movement.

This was clear under Stalin and has never been denied by Malenkov. But, by oscillating on these two levels, and by a steady use of doubletalk, fears and hopes can be fostered or manipulated. The Soviet State can, for tactical reasons, go slow (or pretend to do so) at the official level, although it may shift its emphasis for local purposes. At another level, however, the party or the Soviet Army can pursue a more direct line.

Something of this may be seen from recent history. In World War II, Stalin seemed willing to stay out of Greece during the Communist rebellion in 1944. Yet at the same time he was plotting the subversion of Poland, and his agents in France and Italy were consolidating their hold in the resistance movements. If he could have done so, he would have intervened in France and Italy as well.

Mao Tse-tung

HE admitted this in his bitter exchanges with Tito. "The Soviet Army created the conditions for the Yugoslav Party to achieve power," he said. "Unfortunately the Soviet Army did not and could not render such assistance to the French and Italian Communist parties." (Letter of May 8, 1946). So much for the Soviet Communist Party's respect for "national" sovereignty and independence.

Again, in the Far East Stalin equivocated from time to time in his support for Mao Tse-tung. When the Communists took the Yunnan-Kweichow border, he did not want the Chinese Communist Party to advance on the Japanese to be driven into the interior.

LES ARMOUR AT FARNBOROUGH

THE MACHINES TAKE OVER

THE clouds hang thick and wet over the hills and hedges of Farnborough; September rain cozes down in thick drops. In the distance you can just make out the low line of buildings for boffins. In between the wide, concrete runways, look like ribbons of ice.

You strain to see through the clouds. Suddenly there is a roar and a sparkling white triangle flashes by. You see now why people talk about "flying saucers." If it didn't come from another planet, nothing does.

But it must come from a friendly planet where the sense of beauty is well-developed. This flashing machine has the sort of form Plato dreamed about when he talked of eternity.

It defends only momentarily; then you hear nothing. Four jets sigh gently and it touches earth with a smiling flourish.

A man behind you grunts: "Avro Vulcan. Atom bomber. Touches speed of sound. Carries . . . Why, if that'd been on business none of us would have known what happened."

You are genuinely sorry. But your attention is distracted. Overhead is a Hawker Hunter—spinning through the clouds, wing over wing, like a corkscrew gone crazy. It spirals up and, thunders down, then levels out and flashes past, slim and black, and you see only a shadow on a distant cloud like some ghost playing hide and seek.

You are glad this is only a show. Suppose he were in earnest and you were in another tiny craft? What chance would you stand even if you travel at that speed? While you spent a tenth of a second thinking he could spend a tenth of a second shooting—and that would be that.

Just Sits There

You wonder, for that matter, how the man in the great white Vulcan finds his way through the cloud and the rain, idling along at a gentle 600 miles an hour, likely to be nearer Glasgow than London before he knows what's happened.

Then you learn:

Over the microphone the man with the cultivated voice confides: "This is the first air show ever operated entirely on radar."

You investigate. There is a man from Fairey Aviation nearby. He points a laconic finger at a tiny plane with black triangular wings standing beside the runway.

"See that," he says. "No pilot. Does anything you want. Called the Firefly 8. Has a pilot in it today, just for testing. He just sits there, though."

That is a suggestive line.

In point of fact, you discover, nearly everything on the field is almost capable of finding its own way about. Has to be.

The vast panels of instruments do all the checking and sorting. Automatic stabilisers hold even courses when necessary.

Toss the plane into a spin and it will probably right itself. It something goes wrong with the pilot.

Get into a real jam and you'll likely find yourself somersaulting through space, automatically ejected from the pilot's seat. In fact, Farnborough has an odd story to tell this year.

Men are mere playthings to these craft. One day, all of them will be quite able to fly themselves and many of them will do just that.

Planes travel faster than sound and faster than the eye can follow with ease. They are too adept a sailing through the skies to be dependent on poor mortal trembling men.

The Brains

The brains are on the ground—the men in the boffins' buildings on the other side of the field.

An aging, multi-ringed air force officer explains that the best pilots are often the youngest. Under questioning, he concedes that it doesn't pay to think too much if you want to be a pilot these days.

Quick reaction to the needs of the machine is what is needed. Stop to think, and you're dead. The machines have taken over. But there is another story there among the quiet fields, too. These sleek, fast, howling machines are probably the most beautiful things man has ever created.

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Even the deadly Hunter and its howling brother, the Swift, have a sort of ethereal beauty about them as they spin across the sky. And the long, sleek

black Cemberrall! Beautiful—but devilish. Something Satan might call up to challenge the Comet.

All that brings home the final point:

Planes that fly themselves are safe; planes that fly faster than round with payloads as heavy as skyscrapers will eventually be cheap.

New York from London in five hours for less than £100 is no wild pipe dream. It's something on the drawing boards right now.

The day when crossing the world will be like crossing the street is no very distant day. And that same day, these beautiful craft will be as familiar as dreary old gas buses are today.

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General view during the historical Festival of the Gondolas on the Grand Canal in Venice. Some of the many craft taking part can be seen as they pass the famous Rialto Bridge watched by the vast crowds.—Express Photo.

House Of The Sphinxes Yield Clues To Mycenaean Language

Athens, Sept. 16. Professor Alan Wace, the British archaeologist who has just finished the season's "dig" at Mycenae, intends to go to the Princeton Institute for Archaeological Studies to investigate the significance of this year's finds.

The finds include 16 inscribed terra cotta tablets discovered in the House of the Sphinxes (so-called because of a plaque showing two sphinxes delicately carved in ivory found there last year) outside the walls of the ancient Akropolis.

The American Professor, Dr. Emmet Bennett and the British architect, Mr. Michael Ventris, both experts in the Cretan and Mycenaean scripts, are studying the newly uncovered tablets.

The tablets are in an excellent state of preservation. They measure 13 centimetres by 10 centimetres and were found in the cellar of the House of the Sphinxes.

Professor Wace believes that they are catalogues of commodities and, he says, appear to be more important than those found last year.

"When these tablets are deciphered they will throw new light on the life of these people and help us in the study of the Mycenaean language," he stated here before leaving for Britain.

"This year's excavations have also fully confirmed that the Mycenaeans were Greeks and that during the thirteenth century before Christ peace prevailed in Mycenae which was at that time very prosperous."

"I am extremely satisfied with the results of the excavations which I have conducted at Mycenae this year." During his work at the House of the Sphinxes, which is the most southerly of three large houses found outside the walls of the Akropolis—the others are known as the House of the Oil Merchant and the House of Shields—Professor Wace also found 15 large jars which, it is believed, were used for storing oil, honey and dried pulses.

Papadimitriou in the Mycenaean Princess's grave last year.

Although the presence of large houses outside the Cyclopean wall points to a prosperous centre at peace with the world, the Akropolis itself was well prepared to withstand a siege.

Situated strategically on top of a hill, it commands an uninterrupted view over the plain stretching away to Argos and the sea. Although hills rise round it on one side, they are separated from it by a deep valley which forms a natural moat.

It was, too, well equipped to withstand a siege in a land where an assured water supply is always one of the main problems.

Visitors who climb up the rough paved road through the Lion Gate—which is, properly, the Lionesses' Gate, for the bears rampant over its portal, from which it gets its name, are lionesses not lions—over a stone step worn by ancient Greek chariots, may still see the great cisterns, or stone tanks, into which every possible drop of rain water was diverted for storage.

They may see, too, the ruins of the bathroom where, according to tradition, King Agamemnon, conqueror of Troy, was treacherously murdered while taking his shower, by his faithless Queen, Clytemnestra, and her lover, Aegisthus.

And because water was so important a factor in the life of these people, liable at any time to be besieged in their arid, hill-top fortress, one of the features at the Akropolis most proudly displayed by the guides today is a subterranean passage which leads down the hill and passes outside the walls to a secret spring where water could always be drawn.

The presence of the spring, it is said, was revealed by toadstools. Tradition has it that an ancient Mycenaean, roaming the hillside in search of some clue to water saw the toadstools, knew that they must have more moisture than the hillside normally provided and gave orders for the spot to be dug.

Today, after 3,000 years, the subterranean passage, with its characteristic triangular vaulted roof, is used only by the curious to probe into the life of the past. But the visitor, returning hot and thirsty from his voyage back through the ages under a broiling sun, can still refresh himself with water from the secret spring, brought through a conduit to a point near the guardian's house below the Lion Gate.—China Mail Special.

Never Too Cold For Mice To Raise A Family

Oxford, Sept. 17. Mice can raise families at temperatures below freezing point, Dr S. A. Barnett and Miss Brenda M. Manley of Glasgow University told the British Association for the Advancement of Science here.

"They said research into this had been made because large stocks of meat kept in cold storage in this war had been the home breeding ground and the foodstuff for mice even though temperatures were a long way below freezing point."

Experiments into how mice manage to live and raise families in intense cold had so far shown that they can breed indefinitely in the cold room, though not so quickly as in a warm room.

One strain of white mice had reached the third generation in nine months in the cold room. The same strain in the warm room from which the fourth generation was born in nine months. In the cold room, the number of litters and their size were slightly lower. In both rooms the mice were given cotton wool with which to make nests. The laboratory staff

saw that the mice in the cold room made very complete nests with the wool stuffed up. In the warm room the nests were casually made and not as cosy.

China Mail Special.

Working nearby, Dr Joannis Papadimitriou, superintendent of Archaeology in Attica, has uncovered two more graves in the area where the excavations in 1953 and 1954.

These graves probably date back to the 18th century before Christ—the Middle Bronze Age.

In one of these graves was the skeleton of a woman wearing a gold diadem, gold jewelry and copper pins. With her were copper containers and terra cotta jars adorned with patterns in geometrical designs. Some of the pins had rock crystal heads similar in quality to the rock crystal of the goose-shaped pectoral necklace found by Dr

GATT: THE TORY DILEMMA

Sharp Criticism Expected At Blackpool

London, Sept. 16. Sharp criticism of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) will be expressed during the debate on Imperial trade at the Conservative Party Conference at Blackpool in October.

This debate is expected to dominate the world conference.

At last year's meeting, the party's rank and file came out overwhelmingly in favour of a modification of GATT and other international agreements to restore Britain's freedom to extend Imperial Preference. (GATT specifically forbids the strengthening of existing preferences.)

Most Conservatives now reluctantly accept the fact that no support for increased preferences is likely to be forthcoming from other Commonwealth countries. But there is a hard core of Tory opinion which maintains that if Britain gave a lead, the others would follow. It suspects the Government of deliberately side-tracking the preference issue.

The Empire Industries Association and British Empire League is staging a demonstration in a Blackpool theatre while the conference is in session to press this viewpoint.

EMBARRASSMENT This "unofficial" demonstration will no doubt prove an acute embarrassment to the Party leaders. Apart from the large personal following of its president, 81-year-old Mr. L. S. Amery, the "grand old man" of Empire Trade, the Association and League numbers among its members over 250 Conservative MPs and more than 150 Tory peers.

Among its aims are the development of Empire unity and the extension of Imperial Preference in production, trade and transport.

Last year's "revolt" by the party's rank and file against the Government's trade policy still ranks with Conservative leaders.

Views ignored Although resolutions adopted by the party conference are in no way binding on the Government, many Conservatives believe the party leaders have flagrantly ignored their views. "The situation has arisen," said one prominent member of the so-called "Amery Group," "in which Conservative Government policy is directly opposed to Conservative party policy as expressed at the last conference."

The Government's embarrassment is increased by the fact that the Conservative conference will be held only a week or two before the ninth session meeting of GATT in Geneva, at which one of the chief items on the agenda will be the long-awaited review of the Agreement.

An attempt will be made before the Geneva meeting, and, incidentally, before the party conference—to reach agreement between Commonwealth countries on a collective approach to this review.

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United States Wool Consumption

Washington, Sept. 15. The Commerce Department announced today that the weekly average raw wool consumption on woollen and worsted system during July was 6,800,000 pounds, scoured basis, which was 8 per cent below the June level. The consumption of carpet class wool was 1,470,000 pounds weekly in July, or 21 per cent below June, and the average weekly for apparel class wool was 5,330,000 pounds, down 5 per cent. Consumption of fibres other than wool on the same systems in June was 4,387,000 average weekly, or 4 per cent below June.—United Press.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

New York, Sept. 16. Top-ranking industrial shares climbed a point or more in late rally today to lift prices to a new quarter-century high.

Gains of around a point or more in leaders such as Bethlehem Steel, Goodyear Tyre, Standard Oil New Jersey, lifted the Dow-Jones Industrial average 1.74 to its best level since Oct. 11, 1929.

Rails were narrowly mixed and off a few cents on average. Utilities were fractionally higher as a rule.

Trading through most of the session was routine, with prices narrow and mixed and volume light. Demand developed for top grade issues when early realising uncovered on further liquidation.

Activity picked up on the rise but turnover, nevertheless, totalled only 1,880,000 shares, compared with 2,110,000 yesterday.

Oil stocks were among the leaders on the upswing.

Non-ferrous metal had gains ranging to 4 1/2 points in Tennessee, Corp. Anaconda, yesterday's active leader, rose 1/2 point. In second place on the active list.

Colorado Fuel and Iron was the day's most active issues. It rose 1/2 to \$18 1/2.

Issues with atomic energy interests continued to do well. Anaconda reflected news of its expansion of its new Mexico uranium plant. Union Carbide, with a subsidiary building a \$31,500,000 titanium plant, rose nearly 2 points.

Other chemicals were mixed two points.

Out of 1,202 issues traded, 532 were higher, 380 lower. The New York Stock Exchange bond volume was \$3,090,000. The American Stock Exchange volume was 810,000 shares.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

Dow-Jones closing averages on Wall Street today were as follows:

30 Industrials 332.37
20 rails 111.1
15 utilities 102.3
60 bonds 102.1
Comm. future price index, 173.03
—United Press.

Chicago Grain Prices

Chicago, Sept. 16. Prices per bushel in cents: Closing Prices

Wheat No. 2, red 21 1/2
Spot, Sept. 21 1/2 (11)
Dec. 21 1/2 (11)
Mar. 21 1/2 (11)
Corn, No. 2, yellow 15 1/2
Spot, Sept. 15 1/2
Dec. 15 1/2
Mar. 15 1/2
Soybeans, No. 2, yellow 18 1/2
Spot, Sept. 18 1/2
Dec. 18 1/2
Mar. 18 1/2
—United Press.

Gradual Recovery On Hongkong Stock Exchange

By A Special Correspondent

With the exception of the Utilities group, most shares on the Hongkong Stock Exchange have now recovered almost all the ground lost as a result of nervousness over the Quemoy incident.

The slight "scare" caused by the artillery duels in Amoy bay lasted until Monday and then the market started to recover slowly. Actually one could hardly call the downward trend a "slump" or a "recession." Volume fell away and brokers tell me that just a few "jittery" people sold.

Banks and Unions never flinched once. Utilities, Industrials and Stores were affected partly by the shelling scare, partly by profit-taking and partly by adverse company reports circulating at the same time. And in between came the Moon Festival last week-end which left the market neglected on the preceding Friday and the following Monday.

Let's take a look at Dairy Farms, for instance. The share slipped to as low as \$24.10 on September 9. It will be remembered that there had been some fear that the Foot and Mouth outbreak might spread from the Territories. Yesterday's news that the Farm's herd had been immunised with a Dutch vaccine helped sentiment and they climbed back to \$25.

Cements have been erratic. They slipped to \$28 on profit-taking but came back strongly and sold yesterday at \$27.80 and \$27.00. Turnover was only 1,500.

YAU MATS LOSS

Yau mats have lost a little ground recently because of reports that their new bonus issue is not likely to be announced with the interim dividend but is expected later this year. This caused disappointment, naturally, but the share has only fallen about four dollars from its highest point. Brokers point out that this is largely because they are fairly closely-held shares.

Electricity which rose a fortnight ago, on reports of better figures for the first six months, dropped almost \$3 on profit-taking but has recovered now to \$32.

In the case of Trams there is still apparently some hesitancy about possible developments over the dismissal of the 31 employees. The men are, still receiving "comfort money" and there is no suggestion that the union has shirked the issue. Although the position seems reasonably quiet at the moment investors may wait for at least a few more days before buying again. They sold yesterday at \$18.60 compared with \$19 a fortnight ago.

Nanyang Cottons came on the market this week. I hear their issue was oversubscribed some 2 1/2 times, or, in other words, that they received applications for \$10 million worth of shares (which gives some idea of the money power in the Colony at the moment). The new shares started off at \$10.40, dropped back to \$10.20 on Wednesday and sold yesterday between \$10.30 and \$10.40.

LANDS QUIETER

Land issues generally have been quieter. The rumours have it that negotiations are still going on over the Pedder Street plot between the Chinese syndicates and Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels. The shares have slipped back from the \$11 level of last week to \$10 1/2, however, which suggests there is no immediate hope of an agreement.

Humphreys are settling down after a week or two of excitement when the Ice House Street gaspings had it "on" very good.

London Foreign Exchange

London, Sept. 16. The market was quiet. Prices closed today in guilders per kilogram, CIF Oct. as follows:

No. 1 rubber 120 buyers
No. 2 rubber 120 buyers
No. 3 rubber 120 buyers
No. 4 rubber 120 buyers
No. 1 crepe 220 buyers
—United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local official exchange market at the following rates: U.S. dollar (per \$100) 148.44-45-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-100-101-102-103-104-105-106-107-108-109-110-111-112-113-114-115-116-117-118-119-120-121-122-123-124-125-126-127-128-129-130-131-132-133-134-135-136-137-138-139-140-141-142-143-144-145-146-147-148-149-150-151-152-153-154-155-156-157-158-159-160-161-162-163-164-165-166-167-168-169-170-171-172-173-174-175-176-177-178-179-180-181-182-183-184-185-186-187-188-189-190-191-192-193-194-195-196-197-198-199-200-201-202-203-204-205-206-207-208-209-210-211-212-213-214-215-216-217-218-219-220-221-222-223-224-225-226-227-228-229-230-231-232-233-234-235-236-237-238-239-240-241-242-243-244-245-246-247-248-249-250-251-252-253-254-255-256-257-258-259-260-261-262-263-264-265-266-267-268-269-270-271-272-273-274-275-276-277-278-279-280-281-282-283-284-285-286-287-288-289-290-291-292-293-294-295-296-297-298-299-300-301-302-303-304-305-306-307-308-309-310-311-312-313-314-315-316-317-318-319-320-321-322-323-324-325-326-327-328-329-330-331-332-333-334-335-336-337-338-339-340-341-342-343-344-345-346-347-348-349-350-351-352-353-354-355-356-357-358-359-360-361-362-363-364-365-366-367-368-369-370-371-372-373-374-375-376-377-378-379-380-381-382-383-384-385-386-387-388-389-390-391-392-393-394-395-396-397-398-399-400-401-402-403-404-405-406-407-408-409-410-411-412-413-414-415-416-417-418-419-420-421-422-423-424-425-426-427-428-429-430-431-432-433-434-435-436-437-438-439-440-441-442-443-444-445-446-447-448-449-450-451-452-453-454-455-456-457-458-459-460-461-462-463-464-465-466-467-468-469-470-471-472-473-474-475-476-477-478-479-480-481-482-483-484-485-486-487-488-489-490-491-492-493-494-495-496-497-498-499-500-501-502-503-504-505-506-507-508-509-510-511-512-513-514-515-516-517-518-519-520-521-522-523-524-525-526-527-528-529-530-531-532-533-534-535-536-537-538-539-540-541-542-543-544-545-546-547-548-549-550-551-552-553-554-555-556-557-558-559-560-561-562-563-564-565-566-567-568-569-570-571-572-573-574-575-576-577-578-579-580-581-582-583-584-585-586-587-588-589-590-591-592-593-594-595-596-597-598-599-600-601-602-603-604-605-606-607-608-609-610-611-612-613-614-615-616-617-618-619-620-621-622-623-624-625-626-627-628-629-630-631-632-633-634-635-636-637-638-639-640-641-642-643-644-645-646-647-648-649-650-651-652-653-654-655-656-657-658-659-660-661-662-663-664-665-666-667-668-669-670-671-672-673-674-675-676-677-678-679-680-681-682-683-684-685-686-687-688-689-690-691-692-693-694-695-696-697-698-699-700-701-702-703-704-705-706-707-708-709-710-711-712-713-714-715-716-717-718-719-720-721-722-723-724-725-726-727-728-729-730-731-732-733-734-735-736-737-738-739-740-741-742-743-744-745-746-747-748-749-750-751-752-753-754-755-756-757-758-759-760-761-762-763-764-765-766-767-768-769-770-771-772-773-774-775-776-777-778-779-780-781-782-783-784-785-786-787-788-789-790-791-792-793-794-795-796-797-798-799-800-801-802-803-804-805-806-807-808-809-810-811-812-813-814-815-816-817-818-819-820-821-822-823-824-825-826-827-828-829-830-831-832-833-834-835-836-837-838-839-840-841-842-843-844-845-846-847-848-849-850-851-852-853-854-855-856-857-858-859-860-861-862-863-864-865-866-867-868-869-870-871-872-873-874-875-876-877-878-879-880-881-882-883-884-885-886-887-888-889-890-891-892-893-894-895-896-897-898-899-900-901-902-903-904-905-906-907-908-909-910-911-912-913-914-915-916-917-918-919-920-921-922-923-924-925-926-927-928-929-930-931-932-933-934-935-936-937-938-939-940-941-942-943-944-945-946-947-948-949-950-951-952-953-954-955-956-957-958-959-960-961-962-963-964-965-966-967-968-969-970-971-972-973-974-975-976-977-978-979-980-981-982-983-984-985-986-987-988-989-990-991-992-993-994-995-996-997-998-999-1000-1001-1002-1003-1004-1005-1006-1007-1008-1009-1010-1011-1012-1013-1014-1015-1016-1017-1018-1019-1020-1021-1022-1023-1024-1025-1026-1027-1028-1029-1030-1031-1032-1033-1034-1035-1036-1037-1038-1039-1040-1041-1042-1043-1044-1045-1046-1047-1048-1049-1050-1051-1052-1053-1054-1055-1056-1057-1058-1059-1060-1061-1062-1063-1064-1065-1066-1067-1068-1069-1070-1071-1072-1073-1074-1075-1076-1077-1078-1079-1080-1081-1082-1083-1084-1085-1086-1087-1088-1089-1090-1091-1092-1093-1094-1095-1096-1097-1098-1099-1100-1101-1102-1103-1104-1105-1106-1107-1108-1109-1110-1111-1112-1113-1114-1115-1116-1117-1118-1119-1120-1121-1122-1123-1124-1125-1126-1127-1128-1129-1130-1131-1132-1133-1134-1135-1136-1137-1138-1139-1140-1141-1142-1143-1144-1145-1146-1147-1148-1149-1150-1151-1152-1153-1154-1155-1156-1157-1158-1159-1160-1161-1162-1163-1164-1165-1166-1167-1168-1169-1170-1171-1172-1173-1174-1175-1176-1177-1178-1179-1180-1181-1182-1183-1184-1185-1186-1187-1188-1189-1190-1191-1192-1193-1194-1195-1196-1197-1198-1199-1200-1201-1202-1203-1204-1205-1206-1207-1208-1209-1210-1211-1212-1213-1214-1215-1216-1217-1218-1219-1220-1221-1222-1223-1224-1225-1226-1227-1228-1229-1230-1231-1232-1233-1234-1235-1236-1237-1238-1239-1240-1241-1242-1243-1244-124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